

year in which they may have been arrested; and for each examination of slaves had before him, under this act, a justice of the peace shall be entitled to twenty-five cents, to be levied on the county as part of the county charges for the ensuing year.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the constable to keep an account of the slaves by them respectively hired out, and the amount of the hire for each received, to be submitted to the levy court, at its first session in the year after such proceedings may have been had under this act, and the amount so returned to be accounted for by the constable to the levy court, for the use and benefit of the county. Account.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the levy courts of Somerset and Queen Anne's counties, in this state, be, and they are hereby authorized to levy and allow to any constable, who may have taken up and hired out a slave or slaves under this act, two dollars for each and every slave so taken up and hired out; *Provided*, that in no instances such allowance shall exceed two-thirds of the amount by him paid over to the court. Compensation.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That any constable who refuses or neglects to comply with the requisitions of this act, shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$10 nor less than \$3, to be recovered, with the costs, in the county court where the offence may happen, by indictment. Penalty.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That no slave, being a pilot, and hiring himself as such, shall be subject to the provisions of this act, nor shall other slaves be arrested for a violation thereof during twenty days in time of harvest. Exception.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be, and it is hereby made the duty of the presiding judge in the county to which the operation of this act is confined, to give this act in charge to the grand jury on the first day of the meeting of the county court during the continuance of this act. Grand jury.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That all such parts of the acts of assembly, and of the act to which this is a supplement, as are inconsistent with, or repugnant to the provisions of this act, be, and the same are hereby repealed. Repeal.

OYSTERS, FISH AND TERRAPINS.

A SUPPLEMENT to an ACT, entitled, an act to preserve the Fish, Oysters and Terrapins in Wye River, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-four, chapter three hundred and eleven.—1835, ch. 337.

See 'Kent County,' title 'Oysters,' ante page 1994.